

KILLED AT A FIRE

Falling Wall Crushed Firemen at Albany.

HEAVY PROPERTY LOSS

TOTAL LOSS.

Columbia Hotel and Elks' Club House

Victims.

ALBANY, N. Y., July 25.—One fireman killed and two others seriously injured, and a number seriously injured, in addition to a monetary loss variously estimated at from \$500,000 to \$750,000, is the result of a fire which broke out in the heart of the business district shortly before 3 o'clock this morning. The dead fireman is D. K. Bishop, an auxiliary member of the insurance patrol and prominent in the city's social and financial circles. James J. Shelly, a fellow member of the patrol, was dug out of a mass of wreckage and badly injured, with both hips dislocated, both legs broken one arm shattered and severe internal injuries. He will probably die. Another fireman, who is seriously injured, is Frank H. Wetherwax, superintendent of the insurance patrol, who is suffering from concussion of the spine and internal injuries. The fire started on the top floor of the public market building, near Beekman street, spread rapidly to the Columbia Hotel and the Elks' club house, which adjoin it on the west and east, respectively.

Front Wall Falls Down.

While the firemen were at work the front wall of the market building buckled and almost immediately fell, carrying with it the

In the latter building that the firemen met their fate. They were spreading tarpaulins on the upper floor and were caught under the mass of wreckage.

Before the fire was finally under control it communicated to the Uncondition Republican Club house and the building occupied by the Evening Times-Union. Neither of

Among the heaviest losers will be the Long Rubber Stamp Works, the Crucible Steel Company, Lester Parker Furniture Company, Albany Tire Wheel Company, Huth and Fisher shirt factory, United Shirt and Collar Company, Cadby Paper Box Company, Wertheim Bros., clothing manufacturers; Columbia Hotel Company and Albany Lodge of Elks.

FOURTH ROUND AT CHESS.

Paired Off

HANOVER, July 25.—When the chess-masters engaged in the international tour-

the auspices of the German Chess Association, met this morning in order to contest the fourth round it was announced that

guide the pairing and the men therefore played in the following order:

Cohn vs. Mason.
Gottschall vs. Swiderski.
Tschigorin vs. Popiel.
Pillsbury vs. Mises.
Janowski vs. Olland.
Bardeleben vs. Marshall.
Napier vs. Wolf.

Play proceeded so steadily on all the boards that not one game was concluded at 1 o'clock this afternoon, the time for the first adjournment. It seemed, however, that Cohn had much the superior game against Mason; that Janowski had obtained a winning advantage in his contest with Olland, and that Atkins had succeeded

games were adjourned in perfectly even positions. Play will be resumed this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

HEAVY RAINS IN TEXAS.

Almost Continuous Downpour All Over the State

DALLAS, Texas, July 25.—There has been an almost continued fall of rain covering practically the entire state since last Sun-

In western Texas. In Scurry county rain has fallen for seven days and nights, and all streams are out of their banks. The town of Snyder has had no mail for three days, and is cut off from all communica-

Traffic on the Texas and Pacific is almost completely tied up at Abilene. No trains have arrived there from the west for three days.

The town of Big Springs is under water from three to ten feet, and there is much damage to the surrounding farming country.

At Pecos the Pecos river is two miles wide and is flooding the alfalfa and corn farms north of the town. The railways

There are many washouts along the line of the Texas and Pacific west of Abilene, and general traffic, perhaps, will be inter-

At Waco the Brazos rose from fifteen to twenty-eight feet within a short time yesterday, but is reported to be falling this morning.

In and around Dallas a driving rain began falling at 6 o'clock last night, and still

STORM AT PHILADELPHIA.

Started by Lightning.
PHILADELPHIA, July 25. — A violent electrical storm broke over this city and surrounding country today, causing considerable damage to property and vegetation.

The fire department was kept busy for the space of an hour extinguishing fires caused by the lightning. The flint glass works of James J. Murray & Co., in the northeastern section of the city, was struck by lightning and partially destroyed. The loss is estimated at more than \$50,000. A bolt of lightning descended upon one of the smaller oil tanks at the Point Breeze

the tank. The storm was the most serious this city has experienced since the memorable combination of wind, hail, rain and snow of February 21. Lightning played havoc with overhead wires, and the police telegraph and telephone services were badly crippled. In all sections sewers overflowed, streets were converted into rivulets and cellars were flooded.

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The Cholera at Cairo.

CAIRO, Egypt, July 25.—The total number of cases of cholera at Cairo and Mou-